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BRIEF OF APPELLANTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.192(c)

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal from the action of the Primary Examiner in finally  
rejecting claims 1-15 in this application was timely filed on November 19, 2004.  
Please charge Deposit account Deposit Account 50-0510 (IBM-Yorktown) in the  
amount of \$500.00 (37 C.F.R. 1.17(c)) to cover the fee for filing this appeal brief.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest in this appeal is International Business Machines  
Corporation, assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified invention.

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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

The appellants, their legal representative and the assignee are presently  
unaware of any appeal or interference which will directly affect or be directly  
affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

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Date of Transmission: January 19, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing BRIEF OF APPELLANTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.192(c) in connection with the patent application of Feng Cheng et al. for LARGE INVENTORY-SERVICE OPTIMIZATION IN CONFIGURE-TO-ORDER SYSTEMS is being transmitted by facsimile to the USPTO at 703-872-9306, under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and in accordance with the notice "Patent Customers Advised to FAX Communications to USPTO" dated 11/2/2001 and posted on the USPTO web site <http://www.uspto.gov/september11/faxnotice.htm>, and as modified by the instruction "Centralized Delivery and Facsimile Transmission Requirements for Patent Application Related Correspondence" issued 10/1/2003.

  
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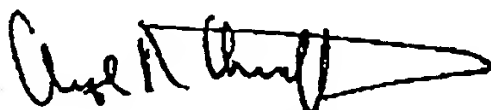
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the final rejection of claims 1-15 based on Aykin and Brinkley is in error. Accordingly, reversal of the final rejection is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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